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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KLETTER ET AL.

Examiner

Jingge Wu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 18-20, 30-33, 36-38, 43, 46 and 47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 15, 18-20, 43, 46 and 47 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 30, 31 and 36-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 32 and 33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. Applicants' response to the last Office Action, filed November 28, 2003 has been entered and made of record.
2. Applicants' amendment has required new grounds of rejection. New grounds rejection are therefore presented in the Office Action.
3. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The Examiner would like to point out that claims 30 and 36 do not have any limitation that "Once generated, the additive plane is used with the selector plane to reconstruct the image" as argued by the Applicant, rather, they are only contain the language "selected... from one of at least one... of planes and the additive plane." Thus, Macleod are still read on the language because what Macleod does is creating the output pixel from the additive plane which is weighted average of upper and lower planes.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

5. Claims 30-31, 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 5778092 to Macleod et al. ("Macleod" a reference of record).

As to claim 36, Macleod discloses an apparatus for image constructing (decompressing), comprising:

means for combining an upper and lower plane of the image data into an additive plane (col. 14 line 41-col. 15 line 18);

means for reconstructing an image based on pixels selected from one of at least one of plural planes representing the image (Fig. 25b, col. 14, line 42-col. 15, line 18, col. 4 lines 33-53 note that the means is inherently to conduct the reconstruction (decompression) operation) and the additive plane (Fig. 25b, col. 15 lines 1-18, note that Macleod selects the additive plane as the output).

As to claim 30, Macleod discloses an apparatus for reconstruction (decompression) of an image, comprising:

a decompression device configured to decompress planes representing the images (col. 14, lines 41-63);

other limitations are addressed with regard to claim 36.

As to claim 31, Macleod further discloses said selection device is further configured to weight an amount of said result derived from said upper plane based on a predetermined factor (Fig. 25b, col. 15, lines 1-18, col. 22, lines 4-12).

As to claim 37, Macleod further discloses means for decompressing said plural planes and at least one selection mask (Fig. 22, selector plane) of the image to be reconstructed (col. 14 lines 48-50).

As to claim 38, Macleod further discloses means for reconstruction includes means for selecting pixels based on said at least on selector mask (col. 4 lines 43-53).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 32-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 15 and 43 are allowed. Claims 18-20 and 46-47 depend from claims 15 and 43, therefore, are allowed.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Contact Information

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Jingge Wu whose telephone number is (703) 308-9588. He can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. The examiner can be also reached on second alternate Fridays.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to TC customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (703) 308-6604.

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